



## Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact [support@jstor.org](mailto:support@jstor.org).

Ch <sup>a</sup> Collier,	Ch <sup>a</sup> Dotson,
James Charles,	George Lawson,
Francis Quarles,	John Noe, Ju <sup>r</sup> ,
Joel Barker,	Charles Barker,
John Colyer,	Charles Foster,
Darril Smith,	John Witt,
Humphry Posey,	Wm. Witt,
Abraham Adams,	Mich <sup>l</sup> Rowland,
John Menefee,	Wm. Menefee,
Christian Rotz,	Jacob Road,
John Fling,	John Doughten,
William Lako,	William Ryan,
Amos Richardson,	George Sumpter,
John Gussett,	John Stamps,
James Standefer,	John Davis,
John Barksdale,	Henry Barksdale,
Mark Foster,	Sam. Hairston,
Baynes Carter,	Benj <sup>a</sup> Stinnet,
James Isom,	John Going,
James Frenor,	David Chadwell.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

---

**Papers Relating to the Administration of Governor  
Nicholson and to the Founding of William  
and Mary College.**

(CONTINUED.)

---

A MODEST REPLY TO MR. COMMISSARY BLAIR'S ANSWER TO  
MY REASONS FOR QUITTING YE COLLEGE. P[ER] MUNGO  
INGLES.

Virginia, February 15, 1705.

The first thing I observe in Mr. Blair's answer to my Reasons for Quitting ye College is, y<sup>t</sup> he bestows upon y<sup>m</sup> ye odious compellation of a bitter Invective & gross Callumnies. But saying & proving are two things, and many times very Different; every Body knows y<sup>t</sup> a Gal'd horse will winch. I find it is as dangerous to say any y<sup>t</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> ye unreasonableness of Mr. Blair's

taking his salary as President of the College, tho' it is only at present a Grammar S'hool, as it was of old to speak ag<sup>st</sup> Diana & her Silver Shrines, & no wonder if Demetrius makes no small stir when he sees y<sup>t</sup> his Craft is in Danger to be Set at naught. The Sequel will show whether my Reasons w<sup>ch</sup> are plain matter of fact or his pretended answers be Invectives & Callumnies & whether he has not either Skipt over ye stress of my Reasons & spent his Time in Trifling or in proving wh<sup>t</sup> is not denied or advanced Most Malitious false hoods without Regarding or considering y<sup>t</sup> he was writing to his Exc'l'y, and here he plainly Discovers ye little respect he has for Gov<sup>r</sup> in presenting such a bloted heap of stuff to a p'son of his Quality, one would a thought y<sup>t</sup> ye Obligations either of Decency or bounded Duty might have Restrained him from presenting a Scrawl to his Exc'l'y w<sup>th</sup> no less y<sup>n</sup> Six blots in it of w<sup>ch</sup> one is a whole line Scratch't out with a Company of Tallys, which I should have been ashamed to send even to an Equall. The line Blotted out consisted of these words by way of Parenthesis (excepting ye Outrages of him on whom he bestows his encomiums), he means ye late Gov<sup>r</sup> of whom even to speak ye truth is an unpardonable Crime now w<sup>th</sup> ye Gentlemen, tho' there was not any more ready to Celebrate his deserved praises y<sup>n</sup> Mr. Blair was formerly. But being sensible how unpleasing ye bitter Invective would be to his Exc'l'y our new Gov<sup>r</sup> & how much of Gall & Rancour it would Discover Contrary to ye admonition of his Diocesan to part w<sup>th</sup> ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup> with all meekness he thought fit to Scrape it out. In ye next place he promises to answer it w<sup>th</sup> a spirit of Meekness but his way of answering Sufficiently shews what Spirit he is of, his Spirits are in Such a ferment y<sup>t</sup> he Discovers nothing Less y<sup>n</sup> ye meekness, he professes as appears by his Endeavoring in ye first place to expose me to his Exc'l'y's Displeasure Instead of applying himself Immediately (as he pretends) to ye answer of my Reasons he does wh<sup>t</sup> he can to p'swade his Exc'l'y y<sup>t</sup> my Laying down my office has an ill aspect towards his Governm<sup>t</sup> w<sup>th</sup> in plain English is as much as to say it is on his Exc'l'y's acco<sup>t</sup>, whereas it is merely on his own Acco<sup>t</sup> as appears by my Reasons in my Letter to his Exc'l'y, & for a further proof of y<sup>t</sup> I Gave it out Immediately upon ye Taking away of ye seven Schollars (by Gov. Nicholson enemies of whom

ye first y<sup>t</sup> was taken away was Mr. Blair's Brother's. Son), y<sup>t</sup> I would have no more to do w<sup>th</sup> ye College if ever Mr. Blair came in again President of it & y<sup>a</sup> was long before we had any news So much as of his Affidavits ag<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson & Much more before we heard ye Least Syllable about his Exc<sup>l</sup>'y's being named to Succeed him. My Loyalty to my Sovereigns & y<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Since I came to Virg<sup>a</sup> & his Uueasyness under y<sup>m</sup> (whatsoever he may pretend at first), is sufficient to secure me from so Malitious an Insinuation. Time and Patience w<sup>ch</sup> turns ye Mulberry Leaf into Satin will Discover w<sup>th</sup> one of us is' ye best & most Dutifull Subject. A little after he pretends y<sup>t</sup> my Reasons will never Satisfy any Man of Common Sense & will needs put such Reasons as he thinks fit into my mouth. But I must beg y<sup>a</sup> Gentleman's Leave to give my own Reasons of my own actions & if he would vouchsafe Some Small Share of common Sence to others & not Ingross all ye Sence & Reason in ye world to himself & his party, for I'll hold him an even Lay y<sup>t</sup> ye whole Collony (excepting himself & his few), are very well pleased w<sup>th</sup> wh<sup>t</sup> I have done & are Sattisfyed y<sup>t</sup> it is upon his Acco<sup>t</sup> only as appears by ye Reasons in my Letter to his Exc<sup>l</sup>'y. Wh<sup>ever</sup> he endeavors to Insinuate to ye Contrary & having Learnt of Macchiavelli to thro Dirt enough hoping Some of it may Stick, he Charges me w<sup>th</sup> breach of promise to ye Gov<sup>r</sup> of ye College to give y<sup>m</sup> Long enough warning to provide y<sup>m</sup>selves w<sup>th</sup> a Master From England and he adds y<sup>t</sup> I know well Such an office cannot be Supply'd in y<sup>a</sup> Country. I find when ye Gentleman pleases I am very knowing even to a negative, tho' at another time he will not allow me so much as to know to give a Reason of my own Resolutions. But I'm so far from knowing this negative (y<sup>t</sup> my office cannot be Supply'd in y<sup>a</sup> Country), y<sup>t</sup> I am Rather of Opinion y<sup>t</sup> Some Deserving & Qualyfyed Divine or other in ye Oronoko Parrishes,\* or it may be in some of ye Sweet Scented, may be willing to change his p<sup>sh</sup> (especially in a Country where he himself Says y<sup>t</sup> ye Clergy is so precarious), with office of head Master of ye Grammar School in ye College.

---

\* In Virginia the Parishes were familiarly divided into "Oronoko," those which grew the less valuable tobacco, so called; and "Sweet Scented," whose tobacco was worth more.

But let y<sup>t</sup> be as it will this Much is certain y<sup>t</sup> it will be Easier to find a Master'y<sup>a</sup> Schollars, for tho' I never asked ye Question I'm told y<sup>t</sup> none of ye Schollars y<sup>t</sup> are now at School will stay if Mr. Blair either keeps ye table or pretends to have anything to Do with ye School & Several are Sent for home already for y<sup>t</sup> very reason.

As for my Many promises which he challenges I Remember nothing of having often promised so to Do, nor does those of ye Gov<sup>n</sup> of ye College whom I have consulted on purpose to Refresh my Memory about it, know any thing of ye matter. But Envy & Mallice Sticks at nothing & he must needs aggravate ye Imputation by ading y<sup>t</sup> ye Gov<sup>n</sup> of ye College have used me w<sup>th</sup> all Imaginable Kindness w<sup>th</sup> I very Readily Grant as to the far greater part of y<sup>m</sup> nor will any of y<sup>m</sup> say I ever deserved any other usage at y<sup>t</sup> hands. But as to his own p'ticular & one or two more of his Kidney I have been used very unkindly & have been chidden & Browbeaten by y<sup>m</sup> publickly tho' very undeservedly at one of ye meetings in James City to y<sup>t</sup> Degree that I had thoughts at y<sup>t</sup> Time of Laying Down my charge. Moreover supposing but not granting y<sup>t</sup> I had made such a promise a certain Philosopher tells us y<sup>t</sup> promises are to be understood w<sup>th</sup> one or another of these conditions. If I can, if I may & if things continue as they are now, things have not been of late as they were formerly for until Mr. Blair's last Elope<sup>nt</sup> to England he only made use of ye College as a tool to enrich himself. But since y<sup>t</sup> time it has been used as a Stalking horse to cary on ye Designs of a party ag<sup>n</sup> ye then Gov<sup>t</sup>. (I pray God he may not play ye like Game to his Exc'l'y our present Gov<sup>t</sup>.) There was much Less Likelihood of his Sending Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson to ye first three or 4 years of his Govern<sup>t</sup>. Now I have such an utter abhorrence to all party making ag<sup>n</sup> Gove<sup>mt</sup> y<sup>t</sup> I suppose I lay under any Such promise as Mr. Blair (but unjustly) Pretends, it may very well be Dissented with and I who have given ye College all ye Reputation it has had hitherto May very warrentably withhold my helping hand when so noble a Design is so grossly p'verted & only made use of to Serve a turn not only to Enrich a p'ticular p'son but carry on ye Design of a party. The Golden Serpent, tho' of Devine appointment, was pulled Down when p'verted & turned to an ill use from its Primitive good Institution.

I do not mean y<sup>t</sup> ye noble Design of ye College should be laid Aside, But y<sup>t</sup> for my own p<sup>i</sup>ticular I will have no more to do w<sup>th</sup> it while Mr. Blair uses it only for a Cloak or a Crutch, was anything so much perverted from its primary & principall Design as y<sup>t</sup> poor College has been by Mr. Blair, for to say nothing of his Demanding & Taking his Sallary yearly w<sup>th</sup> if he can but Secure to himself he matters it not if it is never no more y<sup>a</sup> a Grammar School; it has been his constant Tool to Turn & overturn Gov<sup>r</sup>,\* to Turn out one & bring in another, & to turn out ye same again. He turned out Sr. Edmund Andross, my much honoured friend, under ye notion of an enemy to ye College, who notwithstanding Sent me ye 2 first schollars when I Began to Teach & countenances in my opening of ye School w<sup>th</sup> ye hon<sup>r</sup> of his Company & his Lady's & Mr. Blair had no Enjoymt. of himself nor any comfort of his life during y<sup>t</sup> Govemt. until we had our Late Gov<sup>r</sup> on whom at y<sup>t</sup> time among a vast number of other encomiums he Bestowed y<sup>a</sup> Our good Govenour & kindly Nursing Father & he blessed God y<sup>t</sup> had put it into ye heart of ye King to Restore him to us again, & yet four years after he Bestows upon ye same Good Gov<sup>r</sup> by way of Craft ye Odious & Malitious character of a Son of Belial & by & by y<sup>a</sup> kindly Nursing Father who had been a true nursing father to him & ye College to ye very Last no longer pipe no longer dance, he must follow Sir Edmund & because it was Impossible & would a been Ridiculous to pretend to Remove so great a patron & promoter of ye College under ye notion of an Enemy to it. Seven of ye Partys Schollars must be Taken from the School to ye great Loss of ye Master, Six of y<sup>m</sup> being his Boarders & R. B. Gent must put it in print & it is not time after Such Sinister Designs when neither friend nor foe, nor school nor Master must be spared but all must fall a Sacrifice to his By Ends & Designs, is it not time for me to tell ye world y<sup>t</sup> I will have no more to Do with ye College while So Designing a Man as Mr. Blair has anything to Do there.

In ye Conclusion of ye preamble to his pretended answers to

---

\* Education must at that time have been a matter of high importance in Virginia, if the continuance of governors in office depended upon the management and success of the college or grammar school.

my Reasons he very uncharitably Insinuates y<sup>t</sup> notwithstanding I have given Six Substantial Reasons, my chief Reason is still behind. I partly guess at ye meaning by the Man but I challenge him if he dare to assign it & when he does it, Then & not Till then it will be time for me to answer it. I verily believe he has not his fellow for Insinuations, *Innuendos, et Surmises*.

And now I am come to his Answer to my first Reason, The Taking away of his Brother's son & ye other Six from School w<sup>th</sup> tho' it be Billa Vera he brings it in Ignoramus, But I can produce ye person who Told me y<sup>t</sup> he saw a Letter of Mr. Blair's to his Lady but directed to another p'son with abundance of characters\* in it. But y<sup>t</sup> in plain writing y<sup>t</sup> She should Take his Nephew from ye College & Send him to Mr. Monro's. But suppose no such order could be produced ye very Taking him from School Supposes such an Order, for Madam Blair is a far Better Wife y<sup>a</sup> to Interrupt ye Education of her husband's nephew without his order, especially when ye child had nothing to trust to but his Education as Mr. Blair once told me & 'tis very Rare y<sup>t</sup> such are kept only five years at School, the Rest of y<sup>t</sup> form are at School still & he knew as little as any of y<sup>m</sup> when he was put to me notwithstanding ye Good Master w<sup>th</sup> whom he had been before. But I find he lays no Great Stress on y<sup>t</sup> Subtrefuge & flies to another most notoriously fast; y<sup>t</sup> I was prevailed w<sup>th</sup> to Load him with black Aspersions to my L<sup>d</sup> Ah. Bp. of Canterbury & my Ld. of London & y<sup>t</sup> a strange Abusive Spirit was Set on foot among ye School boys y<sup>t</sup> an address was prepared to be Signed by y<sup>m</sup> & me ag<sup>t</sup> him y<sup>t</sup> his Nephew was Exceedingly Run Down at y<sup>t</sup> time by his school fellows & y<sup>t</sup> he among ye Rest was to Sign ag<sup>t</sup> his Unkle & for y<sup>t</sup> Reason was taken from School as were also ye other Six. I profess I am ashamed to see such a heap of falsehoods from a p'son of Mr. Blair's character. This is all of a peice not one word of truth in ye whole Relation.

As for ye first I challenge him to Shew ye least Syllable of a Black Aspersion, what I wrote to these two p'sons of Quality was a fair & Impartial Accot. of ye state of ye College & if y<sup>t</sup> could not be done without telling y<sup>m</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Blair's Demanding

---

\* Cyphers.

& Taking his Sallary as president of ye College while it is only a Gramar School has not only exposed him & it to ye Odium of all Ranks of people here but is ye only Reason why it has not all ye while arrived to any greater p'fection y<sup>a</sup> a Gramar School. I must beg Mr. President's pardon to p'fer Truth & ye True Interest of ye College to ye Grattifying of him by a false & partial Accot. of things.

But Secondly a strange Abusive Spirit (says he), was set on foot Among ye School boys & an address was to be signed ag<sup>t</sup> him both by ye Master & ye Schollars & his Brother's Son. Here's an Abusive spirit w<sup>th</sup> a witness Set on foot by Mr. Blair for he abuses not only ye late Gov' & me & my Schollars but even his Exc'l'y too by Daring to Impose so Notorious an Un-truth upon his Belief.

The Address at y<sup>e</sup> time was Ag<sup>t</sup> a frivolous, false, malicious & Scandelous Aspersions of his Reverence Dr. Bray\* upon Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson & my Schollars & Mr. Blair was not so much as once mentioned in it, but I find there is such an affinity & Resemblance in ye names as well as their Interests y<sup>e</sup> it is no wonder he mistook ye one for ye other. Innocency now a Days must not be Vindicated but presently it must be branded by a Certain Sort of Men with ye Odious Character of an Abusive Spirit & a wicked Design to propogate faction to posterity they forsooth must be allowed ye Liberty of Blackening both Men, Women & Children & tho' they make us as black as Pluto's Chimney they will not allow to Say one word in our own Justification, or if we do then there is an Abusive Spirit Set on foot. Let him take this by which handle he will or Rather by both if he will.

As for his nephew being run down by his school fellows y<sup>e</sup> is just as true as ye Rest, for his Nephew himself or at least his School fellows, can Tell ye contrary & y<sup>e</sup> I neither suffer ye greater Fish to eat up ye Lesser, nor any one to Abuse another upon any Acco<sup>t</sup> whatsoever & he himself knows better things after so many years Experience of my Conduct, only he cannot forbear throwing of Dirt.

As to what he adds y<sup>e</sup> ye Removing of these Boys was purely owing to ye wrong measures in making y<sup>m</sup> partys to ye Quarrell,

---

\* Rev. Thomas Bray, Commissary of Maryland.



y<sup>a</sup> is just ye same over again in other words & tho' it Deserves no further Answer I cannot forbear telling him he has an excellent hand at giving a turn to things, [it took] him a Lone to find a cloak to cover a Design he tells us of partys & Quarrels.

But who was ye Aggressor who began the Quarrell, was it not Doctr. Bray or rather indeed Mr. Blair & Mr. Fouace y<sup>a</sup> Set him to work, for ye Doct<sup>r</sup> only acted being moved, he knew nothing of ye Boys holding out ye School More or Less but by hearing from y<sup>m</sup> & no wonder he was so much Imposed upon by such Designing Men.

The address at y<sup>a</sup> time was no such thing as making ye Boys partys to a Quarrell or ye perpetuating of feuds to posterity but was only a necessary Justification & ye late Gov<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>m</sup> selves from a false & Malitious Imputation in a long Libel of ye Doct<sup>r</sup>'s & must not Abused Innocence be Vindicated from so Gross an Imputation w<sup>th</sup> of a much blacker aspersion. T'is a fine thing to Cry where first & to Dissimulate peace & Quietness when we act strongly ag<sup>st</sup> it. When Herod means to Worry he Trains to Worship, is y<sup>a</sup> becoming ye Meekness & Sincerity of these Gentlemen's Professions. This is hard Measure Indeed both to accuse & to Take away all means of Justification from ye accused by branding y<sup>m</sup> with propagating of party & faction as if it were a Crime for p<sup>'</sup>sons when unjustly accused to justify themselves.

He concludes y<sup>a</sup> paragraph w<sup>th</sup> a Repetition of his Ignorance That he knew nothing Less or More of taking his Brother's Son from School & charges me w<sup>th</sup> confidence in Asserting y<sup>a</sup> it was Done by his Order. Now I will refer it to any one to judge which of us two has ye greatest Stock of assurance Mr. Blair in confidently Denying his own Order or I in Modestly asserting what I have good authority for, y<sup>a</sup> a certain p<sup>'</sup>son (whom I Can produce as soon as he pleases) told me in ye hearing of a Clergy man y<sup>a</sup> he was just now come from Seeing a Letter of Mr. Commissary Blair's to his Lady but Directed to another, wherein among many other things in characters y<sup>r</sup> was y<sup>a</sup> in plain English y<sup>a</sup> he would have her to take John Blair\* from School & send him

---

\* John Blair, son of Dr. Archibald Blair, was afterwards a prominent man; President of the Council, Auditor, and acting Governor of Virginia.

to his Brother Monro's. My author took ye more notice of it, because it was Directed to another y<sup>a</sup> his Lady & yet he cal'd her My Dear.

As for my Second Reason y<sup>t</sup> he & his friends Designed, the Breaking of ye College by taking away ye Sons and Relations from School of wch. he Repeats no more & would have us to take his Bare Denyal of ye thing for a Sufficient Answer. But he should have done me ye Justice to Repeat my whole Reason, viz: y<sup>t</sup> he had got Sr. Edmund Andross Removed under ye notion of an enemy to ye College. So by breaking ye School & by Minishing ye number of Schollars he might have it to say ag<sup>t</sup> ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup> y<sup>t</sup> he had not Interest enough in ye Country to keep it up, but he says nothing of all y<sup>t</sup>, being as much affraid of his Secret & Sinister Designs when Discovered as a witch is of holy water or a school boy is of a whipping. Now y<sup>t</sup> there was such a Design on foot is Evident first from a passage in a Late Author, one of ye Partys R. B.,\* Gent (in w<sup>ch</sup> he shows but very little either of a Gent or of a christian in abusing & belying his betters & me who was his friend & who I thought had been mine.) ye passage is in these words: That there are fewer schollars now after Six years of Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's Govern<sup>mt</sup> y<sup>a</sup> were before. But if ye author had acted like a Gent an Impartial Historian he Should a Done Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson ye Justice to tell in ye first place that there were more Schollars at ye School Together Since Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson came to ye Govenmt. y<sup>a</sup> were before, Insomuch that I was obliged to have another Bench or form made for y<sup>m</sup>, ye old ones not being able to Contain y<sup>m</sup>, but y<sup>t</sup> is like ye Rest of his history in w<sup>ch</sup> he Imposes upon his Reader either a false or an Imperfect Acco<sup>t</sup> of things, in ye next place he should have told us y<sup>t</sup> there was no fewer Schollars in Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's time y<sup>a</sup> Before Until Mr. Blair & five more of Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's Enemies tooke away Seven of my Schollars at one Dab & by y<sup>t</sup> means made y<sup>m</sup> fewer y<sup>a</sup> ever They were Before. This is ye plain Matter of fact & a True Acco<sup>t</sup> of things, & amounts to a Demonstration y<sup>t</sup> there was a Design to break ye School or Lessen ye number of Schollars & to make use of it

---

\* R. B., Gent, was Robert Beverley, and the work referred to was his History of Virginia.

ag<sup>n</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson & is not y<sup>a</sup> ye heighth of Baseness, Mallice & Injustice to do an ill thing y<sup>n</sup>selves on purpose to charge it upon another? Well Murder will out, they can't keep y<sup>r</sup> own Secrett they Should a charged R. B. Gent to Say nothing on y<sup>t</sup> head, for if either they had made y<sup>m</sup> fewer & he had not told us so or if he had told us y<sup>t</sup> ye Schollars were fewer & they had not made y<sup>m</sup> so I could not have Made so Much of it.

In ye conclusion of y<sup>a</sup> Section he Repeats ye Burden of his Song & ye perpetuating feuds to posterity, & Since he is So much in Love with repetitions I must even tell him again y<sup>t</sup> he is Resolved to Cry out whose first I wonder he is not ashame to charge his own & his partys faults upon others, his Communing is not for peace & he Imagins Deceitfull words ag<sup>n</sup> y<sup>m</sup> y<sup>t</sup> are quiet in ye Land.

But Secondly 'tis apparent y<sup>r</sup> was Such a Design Because among ye 7 Schollars y<sup>t</sup> were taken from School there was not one But who belonged to ye Late Gov<sup>r</sup>s enemies, it was they and they only y<sup>t</sup> took y<sup>r</sup> Children & Relations from School & y<sup>t</sup> too w<sup>th</sup> Such Reproaches to me from Some of y<sup>m</sup> only Because I was a friend to Gov<sup>nm</sup>' y<sup>t</sup> if it had not been upon ye acco<sup>t</sup> of Counterplotting y<sup>r</sup> plott I had Immediately Laid down my charge upon it. But I put on an Invinceable courage ag<sup>n</sup> all Discouragements & Resolved not to quitt it 'till Mr. Blair came in, that so ye Saddle might be put upon ye right horse & if any Inconveniencys should happen upon it ye world Might know to whose Accot. to Charge it as I hope ye whole Colony is Abundantly Sattisfyed about it Excepting only Mr. Blair & his few.

In his answer to my 3<sup>rd</sup> Reason he so exceeds all ye bounds of Modesty, Gratitude & Good Manners in pretending to have Overballanced accot<sup>a</sup> w<sup>th</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson in point of Gratitude y<sup>t</sup> he puts me upon a very unpleasing & Disagreeable Task to answer it, wch. cannot be effectually Done but by Showing first how little Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson has been Obliged to him & how much he has been obliged to Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson.

I know no obligation y<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson was under to him unless (as he has sometimes made his brags), he pretends y<sup>t</sup> he made him Gov<sup>r</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> perhaps Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson might send

him home upon Some such Errand but he both Rewarded him abundantly for his pains, having left him Two hundred & Fifty pounds Sterling purely to himself besides his Extravagant Accots. of Charges w<sup>th</sup> he allowed to ye Least farthing. Besides Mr. Blair himself in a Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson owns y<sup>t</sup> he owed ye Gov<sup>nm</sup><sup>t</sup> of Virg<sup>a</sup> purely to his own Merrits & friends at Court.

And now I come to refresh Mr. Blair's memory (w<sup>th</sup> I find is very Treacherous) about his obligations to Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson w<sup>th</sup> I shall Dispatch in a few Interrogatorys as first, Who got him made Agent for ye College? how many hundred pounds Sterling y<sup>t</sup> agency has been in his way? who got him made president of ye College upon his own Earnest Intreaty & Downright begging it in a Letter to Gover<sup>r</sup> Nicholson from London? And who procured ye commissarys Sallary to him? who procured him ye hon<sup>r</sup> of being one of ye hon<sup>ble</sup> council of State & got him still Restored to his Dignity as oft as he was Suspended? in Short both he & Mr. Fouace May be Said to have been Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson's Servants & they can never Ballance Accots. w<sup>th</sup> him until they Reimburse him all ye money they have had of him, in a word had it not been for Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson he might have been Curate of Vareino, Still one of ye Remotest Oronoko p<sup>'</sup>shes. I confess I would much Rather a been excused from y<sup>t</sup> Rehearsall & he was quite Beside ye Sence of my Third Reason in Laying me under ye necessity of Such a Reply for I never meant to medle w<sup>th</sup> his Ingratitude to Coll<sup>o</sup> Nicholson on his own p<sup>'</sup>sonall Accots., my Reason Strikes only at his Ingratitude to Gov<sup>r</sup> Nicholson in Reference to ye College in Addressing ye Queen Remove so great a Benefactor, patron & promoter of the College, & of y<sup>a</sup> he says never a word but pretends to Retort my Argument by telling us y<sup>t</sup> it was by his Means alone y<sup>t</sup> I was brought into College, And pray by whose Means should I or any other Master or Usher at y<sup>t</sup> time have been brought into ye College but by him who was Agent for ye College and why did he prefer me to two or three others y<sup>t</sup> were Recommended to him at ye Same time, he must not say he did it Because I was Less Deserving for y<sup>a</sup> He might justly fall under ye Censure of being false to his Trust but must needs own y<sup>t</sup> he had more

ample characters & Recom'dations of me y<sup>n</sup> of y<sup>m</sup> from people of ye best Quallity and Must I thank him for y<sup>t</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my own Character & Merits procured me.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

---

**President Nathaniel Bacon to Governor Lord  
Effingham, 1689.**

---

(From Virginia Archives.)

---

**THE PROTESTANT INSURRECTION IN MARYLAND.**

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency:

I and the Council were in greate hopes to have had ye Hon<sup>r</sup> of yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pp</sup> pr'sence here before this tyme, & hope you are neare. Wee are now every day expecting the London Shippes. And indeed they will be welcome. The people in greate want of Clothing & provision.

Y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pp</sup> will herewith receive a Duplicate of a Letter I wrote by Command of ye Councill by Capt. Burwell, w<sup>ch</sup> I hope y<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pp</sup> hath long since rec'd. I shall not trouble yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pp</sup> w<sup>th</sup> ye Contents of itt but refer to ye same.

My Lord for that Letter yo<sup>r</sup> Lord<sup>pp</sup> had an acct. of the loss of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Ketch ye Deptford and that I had ordered Capt. Rowe w<sup>th</sup> the Dumbarton & what other help could be gott to endevoure to weigh her, w<sup>ch</sup> hee delayed but pr'mised from tyme to tyme to go, but att last sent to mee y<sup>t</sup> he was sick & ye weather Cold, & wanted Anchors & Cables soe y<sup>t</sup> hee could not

\* \* [illegible] the shipp, & y<sup>t</sup> itt was ympossible to weigh her. But sent a Sloope & what of her Anchors, Cables, Sayles & Rigging would be \* \* [illegible] & ye men belonging to her were discharged.

My Lord for p'formance of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Comands signified by the Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Earl of Shrewsbury we have nott p'mitted any Shippes to Sayle for Europe. But wee haveing noe further orders out of England nor any London Shipp arrived and Some Shippes haveing been ready a great while, the greatest parte y